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We always weaken what we exaggerate.—La Harpe.

HOW THE DEMOCRATS MAY GET RID OF THE LOBBYISTS

Democratic party tactics in handling tariff legislation are sharply criticised by the Saturday Evening Post, which takes a commonsense view of things generally in its editorial discussion. The Post comes to the conclusion that the permanent tariff commission plan is the only scientific and really effective way in which to handle such legislation. Says the Post in the latest issue:

It should not be forgotten, by the way, that the Democratic party deliberately invited the "numerous, powerful and insidious" tariff lobby, of which President Wilson complained not long ago. Not even triumphant Democracy can legislate in a vacuum.

To form an intelligent opinion as to what duties should be levied on cotton, for example, something must be known about conditions in the cotton trade; and the only way that information can be obtained is to inquire among persons familiar with the trade. Naturally a majority of persons most familiar with the trade are interested in having duties as high as possible. They swarm to Washington in order to instruct uninformed legislators.

The only possible alternative to a numerous and insidious lobby is a permanent non-partisan tariff commission, which will collect through its own experts the technical information that congress must have. With such a commission there would be no cause for a lobby. Without it a lobby is not only inescapable but inevitable. A great quantity of expert technical knowledge is necessary for the framing of any tariff bill that recognizes the protective principle, as the Underwood bill frankly does.

When the government has no independent commission to acquire this knowledge interested manufacturers will volunteer it. So long as there is protective tariff legislation without a tariff commission there will be a tariff lobby.

Incidentally, the Post coincides with what President Taft has repeatedly urged and what Republican leaders are urging. The present haphazard plan of schedule-making is without rhyme or reason, and is being jammed through without reference to justice for the industries built up by American brain and brawn.

DISCOUNTING HIS CANDIDACY

This is a day of political surprises. Hitherto unsuspected Democrats, for instance, are emerging rapidly under the warming influence of Bourbon campaign success, as plants, stimulated by the rays of the welcome sun in early spring, burst from the soil and turn their faces hopefully to the comforting heat.

Professor William Alanson Bryan of the College of Hawaii has given Hawaii a genuine surprise by his application for the position of governor. He has been active in a number of good-citizenship movements, but not in local partisan politics. In fact, when Honolulu discussed a new city charter some months ago, he was, if memory serves correctly, a vigorous supporter of non-partisanship in local government—which does not, of course, disqualify him from Democratic affiliations in national politics.

Professor Bryan, he informs the Star-Bulletin, campaigned on the stump for Candidate William Jennings Bryan in 1896 and took considerable part in politics. He was then a resident of Iowa. He does not profess to have been particularly active in Hawaiian politics and claims no precinct club membership. Personally, he has the qualifications of character, energy and sincerity of purpose. As to his executive ability or his grasp of the tremendously exacting duties pertaining to the governorship, the community is entirely at a loss. He has blown no trumpets in his personal and modest campaign for the office, nor have trumpets been blown for him.

It is probable that had Professor Bryan's aspirations for the governorship been locally announced, he would have received considerable non-partisan backing here on account of many admirable personal qualities and the belief that he is of a type that commands respect in office. Under the present conditions, he can hardly be regarded as likely to be the choice of President Wilson, if reports direct from Washington are at all near the truth. Watson seems to be Wilson's choice provided his health remains good.

Undoubtedly Professor Bryan was actuated by motives of modesty and reticence in applying for the governorship without making public announcement of his intentions, but his course has hardly been fair to Hawaii. We believe that a seeker after office of such deep importance to all Hawaii as the governorship should take the people into his confidence and give them an opportunity of starting on equal terms with him in expressing their opinion as to his fitness for the position. The same statement applies to Mr. L. E. Pinkham, if the report that Pinkham is in Washington and working for the governorship is

correct. He had nothing to say on the subject when he was here.

Hawaii has no opportunity to vote for the governor. Our only chance to be heard is by indorsement or disapproval of one candidate or another. That chance should be afforded by any candidate who wishes to administer local affairs.

SAVING THE FORESTS

The board of agriculture and forestry, which was given the proceeds from water licenses by act of the last legislature, is beginning a more systematic campaign for the preservation of Hawaiian forests from the attack of grazing animals. In this connection, it is worthy of note that experience on the mainland shows that denuded forests can be restored by intelligent conservation work.

The improved condition of the national forest range after regulated grazing is pointed to by experts of the department of agriculture as a demonstration that areas which have been severely damaged through overstocking by sheep and cattle can be brought back to their former carrying power through a system of sufficiently intelligent use.

When the government took charge of the live stock ranges within the national forests some of them were so badly overgrazed and otherwise injured from reckless handling of the stock that their grazing value appeared to have been almost entirely destroyed. Many of these ranges, however, have been restored and made as valuable as ever. On several of the forests results have more than justified the expectations and the range is in better condition than it ever was.

An example of this improvement is cited in the Nebo national forest, Utah. In 1908, when that forest was created, the ranges within the forest boundaries were found to be badly overgrazed and trampled because there was a lack of any control or supervision over the areas. One of the areas was at that time estimated to be capable of carrying only 3,000 head of cattle. Now, through conservative management and judicious distribution of the cattle over the ranges, and improvements in water conditions, the carrying capacity of the range has been increased until, in the present grazing season, nearly 8,000 head of cattle are using this particular area, and forest officers feel that a few hundred head more can be safely grazed there without injury.

Senator Metzger arrives from Washington with the strong belief that Watson is to be named governor. Professor Bryan says he believes his own chances are as good as the next man's. Link McCandless is confident. Gilbert Waller, flushed with hope, is on the mainland pursuing the job. Walter F. Frear is still in the executive chair. Curtains!

The suggestion has been made and received with approval that local firms should allow their British employees leave of absence on Thursday afternoon to enable them to attend the sports at Alexander field and assist in entertaining the men of the New Zealand.

From Washington it is reported that Pinkham is said to have "the secret support of a large number of the business interests in the islands." Well, if Pinkham has the support of a large number of the business interests, it has certainly been kept secret.

Ferdinand of Bulgaria officially denies the stories of atrocities committed by his troops and proposes an international commission of inquiry, which is an easy and conventional way of glossing the subject over until it is too late to secure action.

Professor Bryan, we learn, campaigned for the other Bryan in 1896. This is no longer necessarily an argument against his application for public office.

Chatauqua lecture tours prove that for Secretary Bryan, at least, speech is golden and silence is silver.

Evidently Secretary Bryan's grape-juice habit can't be supported on a cabinet salary.

President Yuan Shih-hai will be lucky if he loses only his official head.

How these dark horses do keep coming back to the stable!

They haven't stopped kickin' Schedule K around yet.

Personal Mention

MRS. JAMES WILDER has booked passage to the mainland in the Wilhelmnia, sailing for San Francisco tomorrow morning.

MISS LINDA TOMASI of Santa Rosa, Cal., who has made a short visit on Hawaii, and a tour of the island, has returned to this city and is now a guest at the Pleasanton Hotel.

DR. AND MRS. GEORGE HERBERT are numbered among the passengers in the Matson Navigation steamer Lurline which is scheduled to sail from San Francisco on July 22.

C. DU RQJ, manager of B. F. Ehlers and Company, will depart for the mainland on a business trip tomorrow. He will be a passenger in the Matson Navigation steamer Wilhelmnia.

A. T. WISDOM, for the past two years affiliated with the local Young Men's Christian Association, leaves for San Francisco in the Wilhelmnia tomorrow morning enroute to Seattle, where he will enter the automobile business.

JOHN EFFINGER of Honolulu, accompanied by his wife and two daughters, Miss Dorothy and Miss Alice, is in Portland, Ore., and will be the guest during the month of Mrs. Effinger's mother, Mrs. George H. Flanders.

JAMES D. DOUGHERTY of Honolulu, director-general of the 1914 Floral Parade and Mid-Winter Carnival, is registered at the Stewart hotel, San Francisco. He is soon to leave for the Atlantic coast accompanied by Mrs. Dougherty.

MRS. PHARES W. RIDER, for the past ten years affiliated with the work of the Kakaako Mission started by her late husband, will leave in the Wilhelmnia for San Francisco tomorrow morning enroute to her home in Ohio, and will probably not return to the islands.

KENNETH HEWETT—Yes, it is true that Chief McDuffie asked me to drive Ed Cluney's car back from Schofield Sunday but I was not a passenger in that car. I went out with another party in another car and came back with the party with which I made the outgoing trip.

J. M. LITTLE, superintendent of the Honolulu waterworks department, is reported seriously ill at Norman Watkins' beach home, Niu. It is understood the attending physician has announced it a case of nervous breakdown. He became ill July 6 and has been confined to his home since that date. His condition was reported today as still critical.

WILLIAM KINNEY, of Kaunama, Hilo, Hawaii, leaves tomorrow in the Wilhelmnia for San Francisco enroute to his old home in Nova Scotia, where he has not visited for more than fifty years. Kinney came to Hawaii in his early teens and has been identified with a number of the larger sugar plantations, but has lately taken up small farming at Kaunama. He expects to return to the islands the first of the year.

WILLIAM McCLOSKEY, who has made a reputation as one of the most progressive educators of Hawaii, leaves today for Charlotte, N. C., where he has accepted the position of superintendent of schools. Mr. McCloskey is one of the leaders in his territory of vocational educational work, and he has been called to his new position because the people of Charlotte hope to make a great success of developing the rural school along the most practical and most useful lines.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

"MAYOR J. J. FERN—Some office-seekers are appointed, but far more are disappointed.

"POLICE SERGEANT—A man is known by the company that he keeps, which may explain why some of us hate to be alone.

"ACTING SHERIFF CHAS. ROSE—Lots of people make trouble without holding membership cards in the Miscellaneous Makers' Union.

"COL. JONES—The Hawaiian rifle team that will be sent to the mainland will give a good account of itself. We have some clever marksmen.

"DELBERT E. METZGER—L. S. Connors is doing well in Washington. He has a remarkably wide acquaintance there. I think he knows everybody at the capital.

"SHERIFF JARRETT—Duke Kahiamoku caught the crowd at San Francisco in the swimming races. I did my share in rooting for the popular athlete. Seven thousand people were present at the meet.

"F. B. McSTOCKER—Why do not the chamber of commerce and the merchants' association, non-partisan bodies, meet and indorse the man or men they would like to see considered for governor? So far the candidates have been indorsed on the basis of politics—not business ability.

WATSON IS THE GOVERNOR, SAYS METZGER

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alize the necessity for conservative action in the handling of official patronage," he says. "The victory at the polls last fall, it is recognized, was due in part to Republican voters who deliberately helped to put the Democratic party in power believing that it would administer affairs efficiently. Consequently, the feeling is strong that the Democratic party must not begin throwing men out of office just because they are Republicans."

"The district attorneyship will be vacant when Mr. Breckons' resignation is accepted, and I confidently expect Jim Coke to be appointed to succeed Breckons. This appointment may be made before tariff legislation is perfected. I think that the federal officials here generally will be allowed to serve out their terms, and this applies to the collector of customs, internal revenue, postmaster, etc."

"I look for the tariff bill to pass Congress. When I first arrived at Washington the opponents of free sugar were jubilant over the prospects of beating the measure, but when I was there last, after the president had made his charges of 'insidious lobbying,' the probability of their defeat was admitted."

Metzger says that Wilson is a wonderfully skilful politician. He knows how to control his forces in Congress and uses fine generalship, he says. "The president's charges against the lobbyists burst like a bomb-shell, and many of them took to cover," he says.

Speaking of the tariff legislation, Senator Metzger this morning, in response to a question by the Star-Bulletin, straightened out the tangle that resulted from a series of quoted interviews with him when he reached the coast on his way to Washington. It will be remembered that Metzger was quoted as saying, in substance, that Hawaii was not afraid of the free sugar legislation and would come out all right under free sugar. Other interviews had various interpretations, most of them giving the impression that Metzger had made light of free sugar and its probable effect on Hawaii.

"The mistake was evidently in a misunderstanding of what I said in response to a question," he explained today. "Two reporters talked to me while I was in a taxicab. The question asked me was something like this: 'Will the plantations become a lot of pasture land and will free sugar ruin Hawaii if this legislation passes?' Of course I said no. I told the reporters that Hawaii would be seriously crippled by the legislation and that the industry here would have to undergo a reorganization and eventually continue on a different basis, that Hawaii, however, had faced other crises and would face this as best it could. That was about the substance of my remarks. It would have been silly for me to have said Hawaii did not fear free sugar."

It was suggested to Senator Metzger that local rumors have connected him with the office of secretary of the territory if Watson is named governor. He declined to discuss the rumors for publication, but went so far as to say that he appreciates the fact that Watson has commented favorably on Metzger as a possibility for secretary. "I am not seeking office," he said. "I have a good deal of business in Hilo to attend to and will be kept pretty busy for the next few months."

While Senator Metzger will not discuss the matter, it is a matter of current comment in political circles that he is a very strong probability for the secretaryship, and that Watson has indicated in various ways that Metzger is his own choice.

Metzger expects to go to Hilo tomorrow and will wind up his connection with the Breakwater Company and its Hilo contract in the near future.

TERRITORY WILL FIGHT FOR LARGE SUM OF MONEY

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Smith said this morning the territory would appeal to the supreme court from the board's ruling.

The territory lost its case before the board by a narrow margin of six days' time. The assessment was against water rights owned by the Hui, which it leased in January to the Waialeale Water Company for a 50-year term, at an annual rental of \$10,000. Arrangements for the lease were made in November and December of last year, but the papers were not finally drawn and formally signed


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until January 6, 1913. Had this formal process taken place a week earlier an entirely different verdict would have been given yesterday.

Deputy Tax Assessor Neely asserts all arrangements for the transfer of the lease had been completed by January 1, and that therefore the water right had an actual value on that date equal to its value on January 6. This does not conclude all the cases in which the Hui of Kahana is involved before the tax appeal board, and the members of the board went out to Waihole today to inspect the lands in which the Hui is interested. The Hui returned the valuation of these at \$5500 and this figure was raised by the assessor to \$11,000.

Other owners of the same lands have appealed also. Mrs. Mary E. Foster returned her interest at \$45,040 and this was raised by the assessor to \$91,490, while Ernest Wodehouse returned a value of \$350 for his interest and the assessor boosted it to \$850. The testimony in these cases has been concluded and an early decision is expected.

HAVE NO PLANS FOR DRYDOCK AT NAVAL STATION

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which will be capable of handling the largest ships afloat. It is expected that the department will favor the floating structure.

"Mr. Smith must have been misquoted, or misunderstood," said Walter F. Dillingham, manager of the Hawaiian

Dredging Co., this morning, when shown a newspaper clipping of the above. "We are contractors, not engineers, in this case. The government gives us the recipe, and we make the cake. Of course, if what the government tells us to do doesn't seem practicable from an engineering standpoint, due to local conditions or otherwise, we are going to say so, but as to preparing plans of our own for the Pearl Harbor drydock, there is nothing in that at all."

The drydock matter is far from settled, and while in fact is unalterable—that there will be a drydock of some sort at Pearl Harbor—it is as yet by no means certain whether the present specifications will be adhered to. The distribution of the financial liability due to the recent accident is also unsettled, according to late press dispatches from Washington. Consideration of the various reports, that have been submitted on the subject, has been deferred until August 6, in Washington, and in all probability nothing definite will be known until that time.

NICKEL IN A METEORITE

(By Latest Mail)

FRESNO, Cal. —The huge meteorite which landed on the farm of Fred Williams, and deceived him by its yellow gleam into the belief that he had unearthed a 20-ton nugget of gold, proves to be composed of iron and nickel. Experts so reported after a chemical test.

Williams found the meteorite at a depth of 16 feet. Jewelers casually inspecting samples said they were gold.

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